

REMARKS

A supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is submitted with this response.

An abstract on a separate sheet accompanies this amendment.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2, 11, 14, 17 – 21, 23, and 35.

Claims 1, 22, and 34 are amended to incorporate the subject matter of allowable claims 2, 23, and 35, respectively.

Claims 2, 23, and 35 are canceled.

Applicants respectfully submit that the incorporation of allowable subject matter into independent claims 1, 22, and 34 renders moot all pending rejections of the claims under 35 USC 102 or 103.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance, and prompt, favorable action thereon is earnestly solicited.

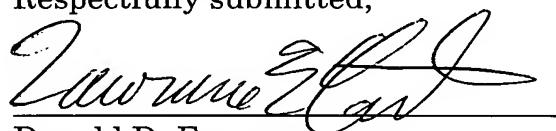
If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

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If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #038724.52430US).

Respectfully submitted,

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